

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An adapter for attachment to an existing wall mounted jack plates for communication jacks having a pair of mounting studs on an outer surface thereof, the studs including shanks and heads of larger diameter than the shanks, said adapter comprising an adapter housing, the adapter housing including a base plate, and a cover, a pair of pivoting stud latches, the stud latches comprising latch housings, the latch housings each having an end wall with an open ended slot of size to receive the shank of a mounting stud and of smaller width than the head of a mounting stud on an existing wall mounted jack plate, the latch housings being pivotally mounted with respect to said adapter housing for pivoting about an axis parallel to the base plate of the adapter housing and spaced from the end wall of the respective latch housing so the end walls move in arcs as the latch housings are and pivotally movable from an open position wherein the adapter housing can be placed against an existing wall mounted jack plate, when the latch housings are aligned with a respective mounting stud of such existing wall mounted jack plate, and being pivotable to a second position wherein the latch respective end wall moves over a head of a respective mounting stud and wherein the slots of the end walls fit over a respective shank of engages an existing a stud on such existing wall mounted jack plate to secure the adapter housing to the wall mounted jack plate, the arcs of movement of the end walls of the latch housings being such that the end walls clear the heads of the respective existing studs as the adapter housing is placed against an existing wall mounted jack plate and as the latch housings are moved to their second positions.

2. (Currently Amended) The adapter of claim 1, wherein said housing includes a circuit board for connecting to a jack on the

wall mounted jack plate, and connected to adapter housing output jacks on the adapter housing.

3. (canceled)

4. (canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The adapter of claim 1, wherein said latch housings ~~are~~ is mounted on a flexible supports integrally molded with the base plate that permits pivotal movement of the latch housings.

6. (Currently Amended) The adapter of claim 5, wherein said adapter housing carries studs replicating the position of the studs on the wall mounted jack plate.

7. (original) The adapter of claim 2, wherein said circuit board carries a filter circuit for DSL connections.

8. (Currently Amended) The adapter of claim ~~3~~1, wherein said ~~pair of pivoting latches comprise separate members having~~latch housings have pivot members on opposite sides thereof, the ~~base plate~~adapter housing having pivot supports for receiving the pivot members, the ~~latches~~latch housings being pivotally mounted for movement outwardly of the cover through provided openings to change the position of the ~~latches~~end walls to permit placing the base plate against the existing wall mounted jack plate, ~~the latches being pivotal to engage studs on the jack plate.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The adapter of claim 8 wherein there are detents on the pivot connections for holding the ~~latches~~latch housings in their second ~~latched~~ positions and an open position.

10. (Currently Amended) The adapter of claim 9 and releasable connectors for holding the cover on the adapter base plate ~~with the latches mounted in the housing.~~

11. (Currently Amended) An adapter for providing a connector in a telephone line for use with DSL connections that mounts onto existing telephone mounting studs on a wall mounted jack plate, the studs being at first and second ends of the wall mounted jack plate and having stud shanks and stud heads larger than the stud shanks, the stud heads being spaced from an outer surface of the wall mounted jack plate, the adapter comprising an adapter housing, said adapter housing having a back plate and a cover to form an interior space, a circuit board mounted in said adapter housing having a connection to a telephone jack on the existing wall mounted jack plate, and at least one output jack for connection of a telephone line, a pair of latches pivotally mounted on the adapter housing positioned to be latchable with the studs, respectively, the latches each comprising a latch housing having an end wall with an open ended slot of size to receive the stud shank of a respective stud and the slot being smaller in width than the respective stud head, the latch housings being pivoted to the adapter housing about axes spaced a sufficient distance from the end walls so the end walls are raised clear of the respective stud head in a first pivoted position of the latch housings, and movable from a position wherein the base-back plate can be placed against the existing wall mounted jack plate without interference from the studs on the wall mounted jack plate to a position wherein the slots in wherein the end walls of the latches housings receive the engage studs shanks on the existing wall mounted jack plate with the baseback plate against the existing wall mounted jack plate, and the end walls are trapped between the stud heads and the existing wall mounted jack plate, and the adapter housing carrying second

studs that replicate the positions of the studs on the existing wall mounted jack plate.

12. (canceled)

13. (original) The adapter of claim 12, wherein said pivotal mounting for the latches comprises a flexible hinge member.

14. (Currently Amended) The adapter of claim 12, wherein each of said pivoting latches housing has spaced side walls joined to the end wall and has ~~comprise separate latch members having pivot members extending laterally therefrom~~ from the side walls, and pivot supports on the ~~base~~ back plate for receiving the pivot members and permitting pivotal movement of the latch ~~member~~ housing.

15. (Currently Amended) The adapter of claim 14, wherein said ~~cover~~ adapter housing has ~~an~~ openings of size to receive a front walls of the respective latch housings ~~pivoting latches~~, and when the ~~cover~~ adapter housing is mounted on the base plate, the front wall of the ~~latches~~ housings being exposed through the openings, and the second studs replicating the position of the studs on the existing wall mounted jack plate being on the front walls of the respective latch housing ~~pivoting latches~~.

16. (original) The adapter of claim 15, and detents for holding the pivoting latches in a closed position.